

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Ryan Zinke, on January 12, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 303 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Ryan Zinke, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Rick Ripley, Vice Chairman (R)  
Sen. Gary Branae (D)  
Sen. Taylor Brown (R)  
Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)  
Sen. Tom Facey (D)  
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)  
Sen. Bob Lake (R)  
Sen. Frederick "Eric" Moore (R)  
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Casey Barrs, Legislative Branch  
Gilda Clancy, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 44, 1/5/2011; SB 79, 1/5/2011; SB 71, 1/5/2011

**HEARING ON SB 44**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:10 Sen. Taylor Brown (R), SD 22, opened the hearing on SB 44, Raise age for compulsory school enrollment.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:18:16 Denise Juneau, Superintendent, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

**EXHIBIT(eds09a01)**

00:25:37 Sheila Stearns, Office of Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE), Montana University Systems (MUS)

00:28:50 Steve Barrett, Board of Regents

00:29:45 Sheila Hogan, Executive Director, Career Training Institute (CTI)

00:31:26 Karen Sullivan, Butte, representing self

00:36:14 Marco Ferro, Montana Education Association (MEA-MFT)

00:37:32 Cathy Burwell, CEO, Helena Chamber of Commerce

00:38:47 Darrell Rud, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

00:39:46 Rachael Demarce, Carroll College Student, Intern OPI

**EXHIBIT(eds09a02)**

00:42:51 Lynda Brannon, Montana Indian Education Association (MIEA), Montana Association of School Business Officials (MASBO)

00:44:18 Alex Apostle, Superintendent, Missoula County Public Schools

00:46:18 Cody Hill, Montana High School Student

00:47:41 Shannon Sullivan, Butte High School, Advisory Board OPI

00:50:18 McKenzie Kralich, Advisory Board, OPI

00:52:11 Jordan Sweney, Anaconda High Schools

00:53:02 Matt Kuntz, Executive Director, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

00:53:18 Linda Reksten, Superintendent, Butte School District #1

00:54:48 Olivia Riutta, Montana Women Vote (MWV), Women's Opportunity & Resource Development (WORD)

**EXHIBIT(eds09a03)**

00:55:32 Bruce Messinger, Superintendent, Helena Public Schools

00:56:11 Kirk Miller, Superintendent, Bozeman Schools

00:56:51 Michael O'Neil, Trustee, Helena School Board

00:57:39 Kristin Davis, Children's Defense Fund (CDF)

00:58:04 Lance Melton, Executive Director, Montana School Board Association (MTSBA)

00:58:29 Heather Margolis, Montana Education Partnership (MEP)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:59:00 Steve White, Montana Coalition of Home Educators

**EXHIBIT(eds09a04)**

**EXHIBIT(eds09a05)**

01:13:38 Barbara Rush, representing self

**EXHIBIT(eds09a06)**

01:15:34 Jonathan Barbagello, representing self

**EXHIBIT(eds09a07)**

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01:18:19 Teryn Green, Anaconda High School  
01:19:51 Tom Tuma, Glacier County  
01:21:30 Steve Bahnmler, representing self  
01:23:28 Val Tuma, representing self  
01:25:43 Matt Tuma, representing self  
01:26:45 Georgia Lindgren, representing self  
01:28:53 Trevis Butcher, representing self  
01:32:25 Jeannie Rickert, representing self  
01:33:40 Becky Stockton, representing self  
01:35:37 Ron Trippet, representing self

**EXHIBIT(eds09a08)**

01:36:49 Jodi Lindgren, representing self  
01:37:10 Samuel Lindgren, representing self  
01:37:27 Joellen Barbagello, representing self  
01:38:22 Kevin Nelson, representing self

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:39:39 Sen. Facey  
01:39:46 Matt Tuma  
01:40:20 Sen. Facey  
01:40:40 Steve White  
01:43:50 Sen. Facey  
01:44:24 Steve White  
01:45:20 Sen. Facey  
01:45:27 Madalyn Quinlan, Chief of Staff, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)  
01:45:55 Sen. Facey  
01:46:58 Madalyn Quinlan, OPI  
01:48:34 Sen. Lake  
01:49:09 Rachael Demarce  
01:49:19 Sen. Lake  
01:49:31 Rachael Demarce  
01:50:29 Sen. Lake  
01:51:27 Supt. Reksten  
01:52:40 Sen. Lake  
01:52:59 Supt. Reksten  
01:54:51 Sen. Branae  
01:55:25 Bruce Messinger  
01:57:15 Sen. Ripley  
01:58:03 Denise Juneau  
02:02:42 Sen. Ripley  
02:02:54 Denise Juneau  
02:04:12 Sen. Ripley  
02:04:26 Denise Juneau  
02:05:02 Sen. Hawks  
02:05:40 Denise Juneau  
02:06:51 Sen. Hawks  
02:08:01 Denise Juneau  
02:08:24 Sen. Hawks

02:08:44 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy  
02:09:40 Lance Melton  
02:11:38 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy  
02:12:12 Sen. Lake  
02:12:36 Chairman Zinke  
02:13:04 Denise Juneau  
02:16:07 Chairman Zinke

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:16:34 Sen. Taylor Brown  
02:21:15 Chairman Zinke

**HEARING ON SB 79**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

02:22:25 Sen. Gary Branae (D), SD 27, opened the hearing on SB 79, Increase basic entitlement for schools.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

02:30:33 Denise Juneau, OPI  
[EXHIBIT\(eds09a09\)](#)  
02:38:00 Lance Melton, MTSBA  
02:40:16 Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT  
02:40:44 Darrell Rud, SAM  
02:41:54 Bruce Messinger, Superintendent, Helena Public Schools  
02:44:07 Mark Lambrecht, Montana Quality Education Coalition (MQEC)  
02:46:26 Dave Puyear, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)  
[EXHIBIT\(eds09a10\)](#)  
02:48:22 Darrell Rud, for Montana Association of School Business Officials (MASBO)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

02:48:44 Kevin Nelson, representing self  
[EXHIBIT\(eds09a11\)](#)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:54:51 Sen. Gary Branae

**HEARING ON SB 71**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

02:56:11 Sen. Bob Hawks (D), SD 33, opened the hearing on SB 71, Coordinate retirement fund and federal education JOBS fund.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

02:58:55 Madalyn Quinlan, OPI  
03:00:55 Lance Melton, MTSBA  
03:02:41 Darrel Rud, SAM

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

03:03:30 Dan Villa, Education Policy Advisor, Office of the Governor

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

03:04:06 Chairman Zinke  
03:04:21 Madalyn Quinlan  
03:08:32 Chairman Zinke  
03:08:59 Madalyn Quinlan  
03:09:57 Sen. Ripley  
03:10:18 Madalyn Quinlan  
03:11:55 Sen. Ripley  
03:12:20 Madalyn Quinlan  
03:13:11 Sen. Facey  
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03:14:02 Sen. Facey  
03:14:14 Madalyn Quinlan  
03:15:27 Dan Villa  
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03:17:44 Dan Villa  
03:17:54 Madalyn Quinlan  
03:18:13 Chairman Zinke

**Closing by Sponsor:**

03:18:22 Sen. Bob Hawks

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 6:20 P.M.

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Gilda Clancy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([eds09aad.pdf](#))